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1. EGYPTIAN COUNSELOR EL-HADASY HAD LITTLE TO ADD TO REFTELS. ONLY THE TWO PRINCIPALS HAD BEEN PRESENT DURING GROMYKO-FAHMI TALKS, HE SAID, AND HE HAD ONLY CORRIDOR CONVERSATION TO GO ON. NEVERTHELESS HE TOO FORMED IMPRESSION TALKS TOOK PLACE IN ATMOSPHERE OF RESTRAINT, WITH EACH SIDE UNWILLING TO COMMIT ITSELF TOO MUCH. HE GATHERED LEBANESE SITUATION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED, BUT THOUGHT BRUNT OF CONVERSATION THAT TOPIC HAD BEEN FAHMI'S REPORT ON CAIRO MEETING.

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2. EL-HADASY CHARACTERIZED GOB-FAHMI TALKS AS BOTH LONGER

AND WARMER THAN EXPECTED, PARTICULARLY TETE-A-TETE WITH
ZHIVKOV WHICH RAN MORE THAN AN HOUR OVER SCHEDULED TIME.
NO AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED, BUT HE HOPED FOR A CHANGE IN
THE ARMS-LENGTH TREATMENT EGYPTIANS HAD RECEIVED HERE FOR
LAST YEAR OR SO.

3. IN SHORT, HADASY CONTRIBUTED LITTLE TO OUR STORE OF
KNOWLEDGE.
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